

CECIL COUNTY 2003 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Number of Farms</i>	455	510	468
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	176	169	165
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	80,241	86,419	77,089

<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Cattle</i>	11,253	10,251	9,113
<i>Hogs</i>	2,644	4,212	²
<i>Sheep</i>	1,729	1,499	1,732

<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			68,612
<i>Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)</i>			²
<i>Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)</i>			²
<i>Horses (\$1,000)</i>			6,747

<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	55.9	56.0	57.3
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	16.7	15.1	13.0

<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			900
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			6,580
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$68,345,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	10	<i>Soybeans</i>	12
<i>Barley</i>	8	<i>Vegetables</i>	21
<i>Forage</i>	9	<i>Wheat</i>	8

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	8	<i>Milk Cows</i>	7
<i>Broilers</i>	9	<i>Sheep</i>	5
<i>Hogs</i>	3		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	18,100	136.5	2,471,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	18,800	70.4	1,323,500
	<i>2003</i>	17,500	119.0	2,082,000
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	1,700	18.8	32,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	3,000	14.6	43,700
	<i>2003</i>	2,200	15.6	34,400
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	17,700	33.0	584,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	16,900	25.3	427,200
	<i>2003</i>	17,100	39.4	674,000
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	6,700	63.0	422,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	6,800	67.3	457,600
	<i>2003</i>	5,500	39.3	216,200
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	9,000	2.5	22,500
	<i>2002</i> ³	8,400	2.6	21,600
	<i>2003</i>	7,400	3.2	23,300
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i> ³	1,800	77.8	140,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	1,600	84.4	135,000
	<i>2003</i>	1,800	59.1	106,400

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* Acreage too small to publish.

	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$60.58	\$68.28	\$61.74

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